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PRODUCTION OF RAW CASHEW NUTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of raw cashew nuts produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to promote cashew plantation in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to purchase raw cashew nuts from farmers at the reasonable price;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): A statement showing details of quantum of raw cashew nuts produced in the country during last three years, State-wise is annexed as Annexure-I.

(b): Cashew Development Programme with an outlay of Rs.4116.47 lakhs was undertaken during 2005-06 in the states of Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Orissa & West Bengal under National Horticulture Mission. Out of total outlay of Rs.4116.47 lakhs, an amount of Rs.1818.63 lakhs was allocated for new plantation of cashew in these States during 2005-06.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The cashew farmers are getting remunerative prices of their produce. The wholesale price of raw cashew nut that prevailed in various states during harvesting season of 2005 ranged from Rs.25,000 to Rs.50,000 per metric tonne.